

The bars to haunt

These three city drinking spots all serve food with a European accent and all have earned our stamp of approval.



BISTRO GUILLAUME

Bistro Guillaume

Southbank Melbourne

This delightful bistro is owned by Guillaume Brahimi who was made famous by his restaurant Bennelong at the Opera House, Sydney. This is sure to satisfy any craving you have for classic French cuisine. As is fashionable these days, Guillaume couples a laid-back vibe of waiters in navy T-shirts with an elegant and attentive service. Check out the rotating plat de jour – if you head down on a Friday you can try the bouillabaisse with astonishingly delicate and tender seafood. Other highlights include the pork and duck rillettes with pickled onions and the blue swimmer crab salad. Couple these gems with a bottle of wine from the extensive list and share with friends – voila.

Ombra Bar

76 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Situated next door to Florentino and run by Guy Grossi's son, Carlo, the newest addition to this iconic group was always going to be a success. The bar is pitched at a younger crowd and still offers traditional Italian hospitality but with a modern flair. The decor is casual, reminiscent of a trattoria with garlands of chilli and garlic. The service is unhurried, friendly and attentive.

This is the perfect place to call into after work. It also works as an intimate place to take your date. If you get the chance, head down on a sunny afternoon and try the crisp lamb ribs with salsa di peperoni teamed with a gin fizz while sitting outside on Bourke Street. Ombra also does great group bookings and serves beautiful treats and good coffee during the day.

Bar Lourinha

37 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

This bar is known for its excellent Mediterranean peasant food. Although called a bar, this venue really stands out for its sharing plates. The cosy atmosphere means you could spend hours sipping wine and admiring the eclectic decor – there is always something you didn't notice the time before. The Catholic iconography and 3D paintings are highlights.

Bar Lourinha also does excellent and well-priced functions upstairs. As they don't take bookings for dinner, it is a great choice if you have made last minute plans. ■

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